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Development Awards \$1.5 Million in Grants to Help Communities in 20 Counties Modernize Zoning

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The Ohio Department of Development today announced \$1.5 million in grants to help communities in 20 counties modernize outdated zoning regulations and pave the way for new housing development.

The funding comes from the new [Housing Technical Assistance Program](#), which provides grant funding to support local governments in their efforts to upgrade zoning codes and processes in their communities.

“Zoning regulations can shape the future of a community — for better or worse,” said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development. “By helping our local partners modernize these policies, we’re giving them the tools to attract investment, remove barriers to housing, and support long-term growth that fits the needs of their residents.”

Awards were given to villages, cities, townships, and counties. Funding can be used for contracting services or internal planning work to update comprehensive plans or zoning codes.

Award amounts varied by project type, with a maximum of \$100,000 available for communities that hire outside consultants to update their comprehensive plans. Other eligible expenses included public meeting costs, administrative support, and fees associated with zoning revisions.

The following communities will receive awards:

- **City of Geneva** (*Ashtabula County*) – \$66,000
- **Harpersfield Township** (*Ashtabula County*) – \$22,000
- **Saybrook Township** (*Ashtabula County*) – \$50,000
- **Olmsted Township** (*Cuyahoga County*) – \$35,000
- **City of Sunbury** (*Delaware County*) – \$50,000
- **City of Sandusky** (*Erie County*) – \$50,000
- **Brown Township** (*Franklin County*) – \$50,000
- **Village of Metamora** (*Fulton County*) – \$78,000
- **Bath Township** (*Greene County*) – \$15,500
- **Miami Township** (*Greene County*) – \$13,669
- **Silvercreek Township** (*Greene County*) – \$14,869
- **City of Springdale** (*Hamilton County*) – \$50,000

- **Village of Mingo Junction** (*Jefferson County*) – \$65,000
- **Concord Township** (*Lake County*) – \$75,000
- **Village of Fairport Harbor** (*Lake County*) – \$60,000
- **Village of Alexandria** (*Licking County*) – \$65,000
- **Richfield Township** (*Lucas County*) – \$63,200
- **Waterville Township** (*Lucas County*) – \$43,250
- **Jefferson Township** (*Mercer County*) – \$30,000
- **Miami County Commissioners** (*Miami County*) – \$50,000
- **City of Huber Heights** (*Montgomery County*) – \$50,000
- **City of Miamisburg** (*Montgomery County*) – \$50,000
- **Miami Township** (*Montgomery County*) – \$50,000
- **City of Trotwood** (*Montgomery County*) – \$50,000
- **Village of New Concord** (*Muskingum County*) – \$74,000
- **Village of Junction City** (*Perry County*) – \$60,000
- **Shelby County Commissioners** (*Shelby County*) – \$84,512
- **City of Niles** (*Trumbull County*) – \$50,000
- **City of Belpre** (*Washington County*) – \$85,000

Those with questions about a specific project should contact the entity receiving the grant.

Funding for this program was made possible through the support of the 135th Ohio General Assembly in House Bill 315. Per program guidelines, awards were made based on need and geographic distribution. The Housing Technical Assistance Program is part of the DeWine Administration's broader efforts to expand housing options, strengthen neighborhoods, and support growth across Ohio.

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